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MINES
LOK SABHA

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MINERAL RESOURCE AREA IN MADYA PRADESH
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether his ministry has surveyed any area in Madhya Pradesh to find out mineral resource areas in the State during 2000-2001;

(b) if so, the details of the outcome of the survey conducted; and

(c) the steps taken for the proper exploitation of minerals in the State?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Geological Survey of India(GSI), a subordinate department under the administrative control of this Ministry has carried out surveys for mineral resources in the state of Madhya Pradesh during 2000-2001. It carried out investigations for Gold and base metals in Siddhi, Jabalpur and Betur districts and for Coal in Siddhi, Shahdol and Betul districts.

The mineralized zones in Chakaria Block, Siddhi district and Imaliya Block in Jabalpur district have shown Gold values ranging from 0.2 to 10 grams per tonne. So far Coal reserves of 14750 million tonnes have been established in the State by GSI.

(c) The National Mineral Policy, 1993 and its subsequent amendments by the Government are aimed at speedy and systematic exploitation of the mineral resources by the State.